

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 3543

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served August 20, 1990

Application of NOSTALGIA TOURS, )  
INC., for a Certificate of Public )  
Convenience and Necessity -- )  
Charter Operations )

Case No. AP-90-34

By application filed August 15, 1990, Nostalgia Tours, Inc., seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to transport passengers, together with mail, express, and baggage in the same vehicles as passengers, in charter operations between points in the Metropolitan District except transportation solely within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Applicant, a newly-formed Delaware corporation, would offer the proposed service using one 1954 Scenic Cruiser. Applicant states that the vehicle would be mechanically sound with a new engine and refurbished interior and exterior. Applicant proposes to charge \$55 an hour with a five-hour minimum, plus \$55 an hour "from the time the bus leaves the carrier's garage at the beginning of the charter trip until it returns to the carrier's garage at the conclusion of the charter trip." The rate for charter service to or from either of the airports located within the Metropolitan District would be \$275 with one hour after scheduled pick-up time for loading and unloading. "A waiting charge" of \$38 an hour or portion thereof would be charged after that. With its application Nostalgia Tours, Inc., submitted a balance sheet as of July 31, 1990, listing assets of \$15,000 ("cash 1,000[, ] vehicles 14,000") and "Total Liabilities and Capital" of \$15,000 ("N/P Stockholder 14,000[, ] Total Liabilities 14,000[, ] Paid-In Capital 1,000"). For the first 12 months of operations Nostalgia Tours, Inc., projects revenue of \$120,000 and expenses of 102,800 including a depreciation expense of \$2,800 and maintenance expense of \$20,000. Applicant projects that insurance will cost \$15,000.

Pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 4(b) of the Compact, this application will be scheduled for public hearing to determine if applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform the proposed service properly and comply with the Compact and the Commission's rules and regulations and to determine whether the public convenience and necessity require the proposed service. Applicant will be assessed an amount preliminarily estimated to cover certain expenses of hearing.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

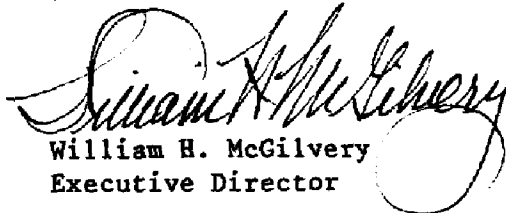
1. That a public hearing in Case No. AP-90-34 is hereby scheduled to commence Tuesday, September 25, 1990, at 10:00 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Commission, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 703, Washington, DC 20036-5104.

2. That Nostalgia Tours, Inc., shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District notice of this application and the hearing thereon in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Tuesday, August 28, 1990, and shall present at hearing an affidavit of publication.

3. That any person desiring to protest this application shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule No. 14, or any person desiring to be heard on this matter shall so notify the Commission, in writing, no later than Wednesday, September 12, 1990, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or notice on applicant's counsel, Jeremy Kahn, Esquire, 1726 M Street, N.W., Suite 702, Washington, DC 20036.

4. That Nostalgia Tours, Inc., is hereby assessed \$400 pursuant to the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 19, and is directed to deliver said amount to the office of the Commission, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 703, Washington, DC 20036-5104, no later than Wednesday, September 12, 1990.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

  
William H. McGilvery  
Executive Director